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Perfect! Thanks so much.

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On Jan 16, 2020, at 3:25 PM, GLEIM Laura <Laura.GLEIM@state.or.us> wrote:

Hey partners,

See below the statement I'll be providing to reporters. Tracy Loew with Statesman Journal and Courtney Flatt with OPB have both reached out.

DEQ has been concerned about nitrate contamination in groundwater in the Lower Umatilla Basin for decades. There are many sources of nitrates in the area, including farm fertilizers, septic systems, wastewater treatment systems, animal waste, and food processing systems. Nitrate contamination in this area is a complex problem that requires long-term coordination between a variety of government agencies, local businesses and residents. DEQ will continue working with our governments partners and others in Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area to address this issue.

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